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LEPC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 15, 2013
8:30 AM – 11:10 AM**

2013 Emergency Preparedness Conference Baltimore Renaissance Harborplace, 202 East Pratt Street, 21202

Welcoming Remarks

- **Connor Scott**, Deputy Director Mayor's Office of Emergency Management
As a member of this year's Conference Steering Committee, Connor invited all LEPC meeting attendees to participate in the many workshops, emergency management and public safety educational seminars and various informational panel discussions being offered during the course of the Conference. He noted that the highlight would be a comprehensive presentation about the response efforts and lessons learned from the Boston Marathon which will take place on Thursday, the last day of the Conference.
- **Kevin Cleary**, LEPC Deputy Administrative Director
Kevin opened the meeting with a motion to accept and approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
Kevin requested that anyone who has an accessible facility with ample free parking and would like to host an upcoming quarterly held LEPC Meeting to please contact him:
Kevin.cleary@baltimorecity.gov
The next LEPC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 11, 2014. The location has not yet been determined.

Government

- **Incidents and Events** – FF Anthony Smith, Operations – MOEM
Kevin Ryan, BCFD Hazmat Response Team
An overview of notable BCFD and MOEM response incidents that have occurred since the last LEPC Meeting was presented which included incidents such as: several multiple alarm fires, water main breaks, suspicious packages and other hazmat related responses.
- **Training and Exercises** – Connor Scott, Mayor's Office Of Emergency Management
Initially the plan for this year regarding exercises was to not schedule any new exercises, but instead focus on studying after actions from previous exercises to identify our gaps and to take corrective action. So far this year 8 exercises have been conducted and a COOP Exercise for City Agencies is scheduled for November 6th.

Connor also reported that the Secured Cities Conference is being hosted by Baltimore City on November 14th and 15th. Secured Cities is the one place, nationally, where all of the major stakeholders in protecting America's urban areas and suburbs meet to discuss latest in staffing, technology, best practices and lessons learned in the fight against crime and terror. A limited number of UASI funded "scholarship registrations" will be made available to various City Agencies.

EMI is offering a 10 day multiple track Emergency Managers Basic Academy Course that will provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to perform at an entry level within the emergency management career field.

- **National Preparedness Month** - Bridget Wright, Baltimore City Health Department
During the month of September which is National Preparedness Month, BCHD partnered with the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management setting up informational/literature tables in various locations throughout the City. Citizens were encouraged to develop personal emergency preparation plans within their homes and with family members. They were advised to prepare to be self sufficient during severe weather events and power failures by having water, a canned food supply and a manual can opener, a battery operated radio, flashlights and a supply of fresh batteries.
- **MEMA's Private Sector Integration Program**, Angela Bernstein, Maryland Emergency Management Agency
The program was initiated in 2008 with RCPG funds. The mission is to establish a public/private partnership to work together during an event (emergency or non-emergency) sharing resources and information. A liaison program has been established. Anyone who chooses to register for the program will be added to an email distribution and will receive notifications of general information of interest as well as a monthly newsletter. To access simple, free registration visit the MEMA website and click on the Community tab. http://memama.maryland.gov/Pages/homePreparedness_heat.aspx
A program orientation meeting is being planned for sometime next month.

Special Events Overview and Updates

Brian Bovaird, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management

Brian reported that there have been excellent coordination efforts between various agencies to plan for and to manage recent large scale events especially during code red weather conditions and a lightning storm that occurred during ArtScape which resulted in several activations of the Lightning and Shelter in Place plan. Though due to scheduling conflicts the Grand Prix Race will not be returning to Baltimore, the public safety aspect of the event was very successful, as it was for the huge NFL Kickoff event and concert which took place on a floating stage in the water at the Inner Harbor.

Non-Profits

- **Non-Profit Organization Reports**
Maryland VOAD - Pascal Papouras relief@ioccc.org <http://www.ioccc.org>
Many Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) were critical to the response efforts made on behalf of Maryland residents impacted by Hurricane Sandy. To obtain information on how these groups of volunteers work to assist during events and emergencies or to find out how you can assist in their efforts please visit their website:
<http://mdvoad.org/>

Citizens and Communities

- **Wayne Sherman Moment of Silence**
Wayne in addition to being a member of the Baltimore City Division of Occupational Safety was also a very active and dedicated member of the Morrell Park and St. Pauls' Improvement Association. Shortly after the last LEPC Meeting at which Wayne gave a very informative overview of the Association's Emergency Community Aid Partnership (ECAP), Wayne unexpectedly lost his life.
- **CERT – Charles Smith, Citizen Corps Council**
On July 14th the Baltimore Citizens Corp and Baltimore City CERT teams participated in a full scale exercise with Morgan State University.
CERT Training is scheduled to take place at the Baltimore City Public Safety Training Academy November 15 – 17.
Plans are underway to develop continuing education courses for CERT members.

Businesses

- **BGE's Emergency Preparedness Plan and Restoration Process**, Linda Foy, BGE
Currently customers are still being instructed to contact BGE at the first sign of a power outage regardless of whether or not their neighbor has already placed a call. There sometimes are customer specific issues that are not related to another's outage. The installation of smart meters will eliminate this issue. During events that result in the loss of power to large numbers of customers the restoration process begins by prioritizing first all critical facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes and then areas that have the highest numbers of customers without power. All BGE Staff members have a "storm assignment" (aside from their regular daily responsibilities) for which they are trained and are exercised and they also participate in the BGE annual Storm Drill. BGE has multiple weather monitoring resources which allows them to expand all resources (especially staffing and equipment) and to provide communication outreach to the public and to their employees upon the report of upcoming possible severe weather. For more information please go to their website www.bge.com

Disaster Preparedness and Planning Project (DP3) Update

Kristin Baja - Baltimore City Department of Planning

Baltimore is highly vulnerable to many natural hazards, ranging from coastal storms and flooding to extreme heat and high winds. There is strong consensus that these types of extreme events will increase, both in frequency and intensity, over the coming years. In the past century, the City has observed shifting trends in weather patterns and climate conditions. The increase in natural hazards, combined with climate change, create impacts that will notably affect the City's residents, businesses, infrastructure, and natural systems, and threaten regionally significant assets.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that every local jurisdiction in the United States develop and adopt All Hazards Mitigation Plan (AHMP) as a condition to be eligible for disaster-related assistance, and requires jurisdictions to update their AHMPs every five years. In 2012, the City of Baltimore adopted a Climate Action Plan, which calls for the creation of a city-wide Climate Adaptation Plan. Rather than developing these two plans independently, the Baltimore City Department of Planning and Office of Sustainability chose to undertake a thorough, forward-thinking approach that integrates hazard mitigation and climate adaptation planning into a comprehensive risk-preparedness system.

In 2013, The Baltimore City Department of Planning and Office of Sustainability created the Disaster Preparedness Project and Plan (DP3) as an effort to address existing hazards while simultaneously preparing for predicted hazards due to climate change. This project develops an integrated All Hazards Mitigation Plan (AHMP), floodplain mapping, and Climate Adaptation

Plan program that links research, outreach, and actions to assure implementation of a comprehensive and new risk-preparedness system for addressing existing and future impacts. The result is a comprehensive document that includes a vision, six goals, 50 strategies and 231 actions to increase resiliency.

Any questions on the Final DP3 Plan can be submitted via email to kristin.baja@baltimorecity.gov.

Final Disaster Preparedness and Planning Project (DP3)

Plan: https://www.dropbox.com/s/afxumxn5d35puit/Baltimore_DP3Plan2013_Spreads_LowRes.pdf

For more information, please visit: <http://baltimorehazards.wordpress.com/disaster-reparedness/>

The Meeting adjourned at 11:10

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